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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF STATE
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Today I am transmitting to the Congress my Message on Drug Abuse, which is attached. Drug abuse is one of our most serious social problems and I place high priority on reducing the harm that it causes. I count on you to work with me in this effort.

In my Message there are specific directives and tasks for each of you, some to be accomplished within a set time frame. Please coordinate your response with Dr. Peter Bourne, Director of the Office of Drug Abuse Policy. Dr. Bourne and his staff will be responsible for following up on the directives, and will be available to offer you assistance.

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